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EXDIS FOR CHIEF OF MISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, PDIP, PN, PPDC, NU

SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER
TO PRESIDENT SOMOZA INVITING HIM TO BILATERAL MEETING
IN CONNECTION WITH PANAMA CANAL CEREMONIES TO BE HELD
IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 7. LETTER SHOULD BE CONVEYED
TO HIGHEST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY. IN
DELIVERING MESSAGE, PLEASE ALSO MAKE FOLLOWING THREE
POINTS: (1) TACTFULLY SUGGEST THAT DELEGATION BE AS
SMALL AS POSSIBLE BUT INCLUDE WIFE OF CHIEF OF STATE;
(2) ADVISE THAT THE CHIEF OF STATE AND HIS WIFE ARE
INVITED TO ATTEND A STATE DINNER WHICH WILL TAKE
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PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIGNING CEREMONY,
SEPTEMBER 7; AND (3) INFORM THAT MRS. CARTER IS
PLANNING A SEPARATE EVENT FOR WIVES.

2. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RESPONSE TO LETTER (AND
WHETHER WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY).

3. FYI: OUR CURRENT COUNT IS THAT 15 CHIEFS OF STATE

SO FAR HAVE AT LEAST TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO COME.

4. TEXT OF LETTER.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM PLEASED
TO INFORM YOU THAT AFTER 13 YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS,
THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA
HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES.
I BELIEVE THAT THESE TREATIES REPRESENT AN HIS-
TORIC MOMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENTS OF THE AMERICAS. WE LOOK FORWARD
TO A FUTURE IN WHICH THE SAME SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP
AND OF MUTUAL RESPECT THAT GUIDED US THROUGH THE
NEGOTIATIONS WILL GUIDE RELATIONS AMONG THE NATIONS
OF THIS HEMISPHERE.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VISIT WASHINGTON, I WOULD LOOK FORWARD
TO AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU PERSONALLY TO DISCUSS
MAJOR SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON ANY MATTERS
YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS DURING OUR MEETING.

PLEASE CONVEY MY WARMEST FRIENDSHIP TO THE PEOPLE
OF NICARAGUA ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND ACCEPT MY OWN
PERSONAL BEST WISHES. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END
TEXT.

5. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON ARRANGEMENTS AND
LOGISTICAL QUESTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

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